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## Turkey to get Phantom jets

ANKARA (Reuter). — A 10-man U.S. defence delegation will arrive here on Monday for discussions on the sale of at least two squadrons of Phantom fighter-bombers to Turkey. U.S. sources said yesterday.

The Turkish Air Force is hoping to buy three squadrons with spares, financing the purchase through U.S. credits and a supplementary defence budget. The Turkish Air Force has to date not been equipped with Phantoms.

The U.S. team will be led by Mr. Richard Violotte, a foreign military sales expert from the Defence Department.

## Two quit Rabbis poll c'tee

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two members of the five-man Chief Rabbinate Elections Committee yesterday handed in their resignations to the Committee Chairman, Mordechai Surkiss M.K. The two are Rabbi Aharon Katz and Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu; they were appointed to the Elections Committee by the Chief Rabbinate Council. (Two other members of the Committee were appointed by the Cabinet, and the four then picked Mr. Surkiss as their chairman.)

Rabbis Katz and Eliahu said they felt forced to resign following a High Court ruling that the two Chief Rabbis, Untermyer and Nisim, ought not to sit on the Appeals Commission, which rules on appeals from the Elections Committee's decisions. Rabbis Katz and Eliahu state that the intention of those who applied to the High Court was really to "complicate the work of the Election Committee" — but the resultant decision inevitably "caused a legal situation whereby the participation of rabbis in the preparatory processes of the Chief Rabbinate elections became impossible."

Authoritative Government legal sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that this was not quite correct: only rabbis who intend to stand for office in the elections — for Chief Rabbi or for member of the Chief Rabbinate Council — are barred by the High Court ruling from participating in the preparations for the election.

Rabbis Katz and Eliahu reportedly asked the State Attorney, Mr. Meir Shamgar, yesterday what the position was following the High Court decision and he replied that they would have to step down from the Election Committee if they intended running for office.

# Emergency in Britain over dockers' strike

LONDON. — Queen Elizabeth yesterday signed a proclamation calling for a 28-day state of emergency to safeguard essential supplies threatened by Britain's seven-day-old national dock strike. The emergency period was to start from midnight last night.

The action followed warnings from agricultural leaders that the country might soon face a shortage of foodstuffs for farm animals, especially pigs and poultry.

The week-old work stoppage by 42,000 longshoremen already has dwindled stocks of fresh fruit and vegetables and essential food for farm animals, and tied up exports estimated to be worth more than £100m.

The state of emergency allows the government to requisition transport to move essential supplies, control food prices and draft troops to unload the 500 ships idled in British port areas.

Government ministers are hopeful that the ports shutdown may be resolved by early next week. But precautionary steps were taken now because the emergency regulations must be approved by Parliament, which is to go into recess next week.

This was the fourth state of emergency proclaimed since Prime Minister Edward Heath came to office in June, 1970 and the eighth since World War II.

Queen Elizabeth, cruising aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia off the west coast of Scotland, signed the emergency proclamation after it was rushed from London by Home Secretary Robert Carr.

Mr. Carr told legislators in the House of Commons that the dock strike "constituted a threat to the essentials of the life of the community."

Serious shortages are not expected for some time, although meat traders were worried by dwindling stocks of New Zealand lamb. However, supplies of citrus fruits and bananas were due to run out by the weekend.

Announcement of the state of emergency caused a reaction on the London stock exchange. The pound sterling fell to 2.4437 from 2.4500.

But the main heart-cries came from outside Britain. Tomato growers in the Channel Islands between Britain and France glumly watched mountains of produce given away free or dumped to rot.

"It's a matter of sorrow and heart-break for us," said one tomato man in Guernsey. He said there was no chance of staging an airlift to fly the tomatoes to Britain. The outlook was also dark for oranges from South Africa, grapes from Cyprus and bananas from Jamaica.

At Portsmouth in southeast England, dockers agreed to permit shipments of yeast for breadmaking—but not for beer. Oxygen for hospitals also got clearance.

There was ministerial optimism that the strike might end by early next week — too late to save really perishable cargoes.

The stoppage began last Friday after docker representatives rejected a new deal on pay and conditions drafted with advice from rank-and-file portworkers. Now the proposals are being redrafted to meet dockers' demands. (Reuter, AP)

## BUSINESS AS USUAL

IMMEDIATELY following the Egyptian-Libyan merger announcement on Wednesday, the French Government spokesman announced that France would take a fresh look at its arms deal with Libya. If the merger included fusion of the military forces of the two countries.

Yesterday the Paris Government quickly dispelled any notions that it was reconsidering its policy. French spokesmen declared that France will continue to deliver Mirage jet fighters to Libya at the present rate, said to be 16 per year. In addition to the Mirage contract, reportedly involving 120 Mirages, Libya is also getting an undisclosed number of helicopters as well as radar and electronic equipment.

These French officials indicated that since the merger agreement is still only a sign of intent, and is not to be realized until September 1973, there is no reason now to include Libya under the provision of the French arms embargo and to stop deliveries.

On purely formal grounds and within the terms of their own logic, the Paris officials have an argument. Like many other observers, they probably doubt whether in fact the merger between Egypt and Libya will ever be consummated. Why therefore should they sacrifice the commercial and political advantages resulting from the arms deal?

But convenient formalities aside, there can be no doubt that Libya with or without a merger would put its French arms at the disposal of Egypt in the event of any renewed conflict with Israel. The Libyan Government has not hesitated to put itself on record on this point.

Moreover there is evidence at hand that the French equipment is already being made available for ultimate Egyptian use. Contrary to the French argument, the merger agreement announced on Wednesday is a further sign of Libya's willingness to put its resources at Egypt's disposal, and not a case for continuing the arms flow to a country which not only declares itself a belligerent but would like nothing sadder than to provoke hostilities.

## Sadat home earlier; report to special Assembly session

By ANAN SAFADI  
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Egypt's President Anwar Sadat returned to Cairo unexpectedly yesterday after altering previously announced plans to stay "several days" in Libya. Sadat's return home came less than 24 hours after he signed a declaration in Benghazi pledging to unite Egypt and Libya within a year.

There was no explanation from Cairo on Mr. Sadat's sudden decision to return to Egypt where reaction to the merger declaration has been markedly cool. In contrast to jubilant demonstrations in Libya.

Judging from a statement in Cairo yesterday by Egyptian Premier Anwar Sadat, President Sadat was believed to have been summoned to address an extraordinary session of the Egyptian parliament, probably early next week, to discuss the agreement with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to merge Egypt with Libya. It was not clear yesterday who decided on the convening of the parliament. Speaker Hafez Badawi is on a week's visit to Moscow at the head of a 20-man delegation.

The evident reluctance Egyptians were demonstrating towards the merger indicates that the union move might not be approved by certain political circles some of which have recently been involved in

anti-Sadat campaigns in spite of recent arrests and political trials.

In contrast to Libya where the merger declaration was supported by a stream of messages broadcast over Tripoli radio, amid the continued transmission of martial music and patriotic songs, Egypt greeted the planned union yesterday by only three messages. Cairo radio, which yesterday returned to its normal programme after Wednesday's brief switch to jubilant broadcasts, said that the messages came from the head of the Egyptian Labour Federation, the head of the Young Men's Moslem Association and the Coptic Patriarch in Alexandria.

The planned merger was played up in Cairo by the state controlled news media. The press there bannered the projected union as a "historic move in the march of Arab revolution."

The merger was received cautiously in most of the Arab capitals, with official circles declining to comment and the news media expressing mixed feelings.

Only in Damascus was the planned union hailed, although Syrian President Hafez Assad was quoted as merely expressing his country's "happiness and satisfaction" while emphasizing the hope that Egyptian-Libyan plans were aimed at strengthening the existent tripartite federation of which Syria is a mem-

ber, along with Egypt and Libya.

In Beirut, only the pro-Cairo newspapers welcomed the merger plan while others wondered about its authenticity. "Al-Jarida" labelled the move as "unity at the top, not at the base."

The Soviet press yesterday reported the agreement between Egypt and Libya on a merger briefly in a low key fashion. "Pravda" in one of its inside pages carried a dispatch from Tass which quoted the Egyptian-Libyan communique without comment.

Reuter quoted observers in Moscow as expressing the belief that the Kremlin fears an Egyptian-Libyan merger would mean greater influence for Gaddafi who is "known for his strong anti-Communist views and suspicions of the Soviet Union."

From Washington, an AP dispatch said that a preliminary reading of the terms of the proposed merger might not clear the way for it, but might dangerously erode Israel's military superiority. (See page 8)

## Eban vs Rabin

THE awkward relations between the Foreign Minister and Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin in Washington have again been permitted to spill into public view.

Cables, presumably confidential, sent by the Ambassador to the Ministry, have been shown or reported to Jerusalem newsmen, with suitable commentary reflecting on the manners, judgment or lack thereof of Mr. Rabin.

Since the Ministry appears to be pitted against Mr. Rabin, the public has no way of knowing whether these Ministry-inspired reports accurately reflect the cables. And since these messages apparently included proposals and criticisms regarding Israel's policy toward the U.N. and the Jarring mission, the public is given to observe a Ministry selectively leaking material designed to damage its envoy, without being able to judge the issues raised on their own merits.

Undoubtedly there are two sides to the running dispute between Mr. Rabin and Mr. Eban. And whatever substantive issues of policy are involved have been aggravated by personal grievances.

However, it is difficult to see how any public or national benefit can accrue from the kind of public campaign waged by the Foreign Ministry against Mr. Rabin this week.

## MIRAGES TO LIBYA Supply until union plans take shape

PARIS. — France will continue to deliver Mirage jet fighters to Libya until Libya's plans for union with Egypt take more concrete shape, official French sources said yesterday.

They said the deliveries would mean an average of 16 planes per year. Some 40 have been shipped to Libya since the 120-plane Mirage deal was concluded in November, 1969. In addition, Libya has purchased nine Super-Frelon helicopters.

The sources said the French government did not feel any immediate decision was necessary on the future of the contract, which France has always said it would suspend if the planes were found to be going to a third country with a frontline position in the Middle East conflict.

The new insight into French policy came after a public statement on Wednesday by government spokesman Jean-Philippe Lecat that Paris would take a fresh look at the Libya deal if it became clear that the proposed Egypt-Libya union included the flow of military forces.

In spite of opposing official statements, a number of French opposition deputies intend to put written

## Herut meeting on Liberals

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Most Herut speakers reportedly adopted a moderate tone on the party's future relations with the Liberals, within the Gahal bloc, when the Herut Central Committee met at Beit Jotanskiy here last night. It was the second and final session on the internal dispute growing out of the Liberals' vote in favour of electoral reform.

Herut Chairman Menahem Begin, while not going as far as some of his colleagues, such as Dr. Yohanan Ezer A.K., in seeking to disband Gahal put forward a motion warning Herut would not contemplate any further cooperation with Herut's rivals.

Executive Chairman Ezer Weizman sought to have adopted a more moderately-worded motion. The meeting was continuing at a late hour last night.

## Sadek gives sendoff fete for Soviets

CAIRO (AP). — Top-ranking Soviet military advisers in Egypt were given a ceremonial sendoff party on Wednesday by War Minister Lt. Gen. Mohamed Sadek, the official Middle East News Agency reported yesterday.

The agency did not say whether this meant all Russian military advisers in Egypt have already departed.

Gen. Sadek expressed his appreciation for their efforts and sacrifices in rebuilding the Egyptian armed forces after the 1967 war.

## Arab F.M.s plan conference strategy

CAIRO (UPI). — The Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Syria and Libya met for three hours last night to coordinate strategy at the forthcoming Non-Aligned Nations Conference, the Middle East News Agency said.

## Fischer, Spassky adjourn

REYKJAVIK. — The 10th game of the world chess championship was adjourned last night until today with Bobby Fischer having a manpower advantage after 40 moves against champion Boris Spassky.

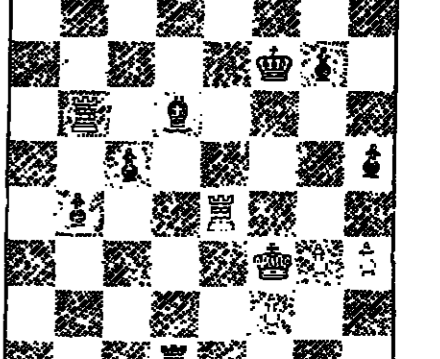
Fischer, playing white, arrived six minutes after arbiter Lothar Schmid started the game. He played his usual king pawn opening. The American, who has been late for every game so far of the match, then got up and walked over to talk with Schmid.

Spassky, down two points to Fischer in the 24-game, \$250,000 match, walked calmly into the hall to a large round of applause, and replied with his own king pawn. It was the first time so far in the match the Russian world champion has arrived late.

Opening moves indicated the game shaped into a Ruy Lopez opening. Play sped along in the opening game with Fischer taking 15 minutes for his first 10 moves and Spassky completing the same in 10 minutes.

Spassky, who has only beaten Fischer once in the series, has evidently taken up a new playing strategy, glimpsed already in the ninth game last Tuesday. Instead of sitting in his chair most of the time Spassky now always walks off stage immediately after he makes his move.

He strides briskly to a back room where he can see a diagram of the board on closed-circuit television, leaving Fischer alone onstage. But he is very quick to return when Fischer has made his move.



AFTER 40 MOVES

Here are the moves: Spassky (black) 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. K-K3, K-O3; 3. B-K2, P-Q4; 4. P-B4, K-B3; 5. Q-Q4, B-K2; 6. R-K1, P-Q4; 7. B-K3, P-Q5; 8. P-B3, Q-Q4; 9. P-K3, K-K1; 10. P-Q4, Q-K5; 11. Q-K2, B-K3; 12. B-B2, R-K1; 13. P-Q4, B-K1; 14. P-Q4, K-K3; 15. P-B3, Q-K1-Q2; 16. B-K2, Q-K1; 17. B-K1, P-B4; 18. K1-P2 (brd), P-B3; 19. P-K3, Q-K4; 20. K-K1, Q-K2; 21. P-Q4, Q-B3; 22. B-K1, Q-B3; 23. P-P, K-E-Q1; 24. Q-B1, Q-Q5; 25. K-B3, Q-P; 26. B-K3, P-P; 27. Q-E4, B-Q2; 28. K-K2, Q-B2; 29. B (K1)-Q1, E-K2; 30. E-P4, B-B3; 31. Q-B3, Q-Q4; 32. K1-Q, B-P; 33. B-B3, K-K1; 34. E-Q7, E-B3; 35. B-K1, B-B3; 36. E-B3, B-Q3; 37. P-K3, P-B3; 38. K-K1, P-B3; 39. E-K6, B-Q6; 40. E-B3, K-B2.

## Rabin due back next month

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel's U.S. ambassador Yitzhak Rabin will be returning home on a private visit in the first week of September, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday. Mr. Rabin is due to complete his tour in November, and observers in Jerusalem believe that he will use his home leave in September to make plans for his future.

Rabin's relations with Foreign Minister Eban always poor — have recently plummeted to new depths, with the ambassador sending letters and telegrams to the Ministry criticizing its policies. Mr.

## U.N. Cairo delegate confers with Jarring

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Egyptian Ambassador Esmat Abdel Meguid conferred here yesterday with Gunnar Jarring, the U.N. special representative to the Middle East. He was the first delegate to see Dr. Jarring in the latter's new soundings on the Middle East.

A U.N. spokesman told reporters 6 p.m. that Dr. Jarring was "making appointments with the parties and with members of the Security Council

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# Senate cuts off future funds for American war in Indochina

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon's Vietnam policy has been given a stinging rebuff by Congress with an unprecedented Senate vote to cut off funds for future American military involvement in Indochina.

In a series of eight roll calls Wednesday night, the Senate overcame intensive lobbying by administration supporters and narrowly voted in legislation to cut off funds for future American military actions in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos four months after it becomes law.

Two conditions were attached — that Hanoi free all American prisoners of war and accounts for U.S. servicemen listed as missing in action.

The measure was attached to an amendment to the important \$20,522m. Defence Department weapons procurement bill which the administration regards as vital for major new defence system. The amended bill was approved by 95 votes to two.

The Senate has previously passed Vietnam troop withdrawal measures but they were "sense of the Senate" declarations and did not bind President Nixon to any action.

Vice-President Spiro Agnew presided during Wednesday night's series of eight crucial roll calls, ready to cast a deciding vote for the administration but the doves managed to win a key vote by 95 to 47.

The fund-cutting legislation is likely to be blocked in the conference committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives which works out a final version of the defence procurement bill.

**PARIS MEET**  
In Paris U.S. and Vietnamese Communist negotiators, meeting yesterday only two days after the latest backstage bargaining session between Dr. Henry Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho, denounced each other's plans for peace.

In Saigon, American military advisers said yesterday that South Vietnamese marines would take the Communist-held Quang Tri walled Citadel "in the next few days."

Two thousand marines battling across Quang Tri City to clear a way for the attack on the Citadel ran into fierce artillery, mortar and

grenade fire from 1,000 well-entrenched North Vietnamese troops, UPI correspondent Ted Kurrus said.

"Were going to take the Citadel!" Capt. M.R. Wells, a U.S. adviser, told Kurrus. "There's no question in anybody's mind we'll do it in the next few days."

Nearly 160 kms. to the south, Communist gunners hit the large U.S. air base at Da Nang with 44 rockets yesterday, killing one American and wounding 14 others, a military spokesman said.

(Reuters, UPI)

# Poisoned candy for PFLP man, papers say

BEIRUT (UPI). — The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine denied yesterday a newspaper report saying an attempt had been made to poison an injured terrorist leader.

Asked about the report in the normally reliable "An Nahar" newspaper, a spokesman for the front said the story was "fabricated and void of truth."

"An Nahar" said an unidentified woman left a bouquet of flowers and a box of poisoned candy at a Beirut hospital for Bassam Abu

Sharif, 39, who was partly blinded when a parcel bomb exploded in his face last month.

"An Nahar" said the woman arrived weeping at the hospital on Wednesday and sat without speaking with members of Abu Sharif's family in the hospital waiting room. Later, she left, leaving the flowers and candy behind.

The newspaper said members of the terrorist leader's family were suspicious. They searched the flowers and called the police, who sent the candies to a laboratory for examination. The candies were found to be poisoned, "An Nahar" said. It did not name the poison.

Abu Sharif succeeded Ghasan Kanafani as official spokesman of the P.F.L.P. after Kanafani was assassinated by a bomb in his car.

The French language newspaper "Orient le Jour" said yesterday that 10 suspects are still being held in connection with the Abu Sharif bomb affair. It said not a single one of them is Lebanese, all being from neighbouring states.

The main suspect is said by the authorities to be a man described as a "triple agent," allegedly working for the intelligence services of two Arab states as well as Israel.

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# Humphrey turns down offer by McGovern

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Hubert Humphrey said yesterday he will not be the running mate of Democratic presidential nominee Sen. George McGovern.

But he declined to answer a reporter's direct question on whether or not Mr. McGovern had offered the vice-presidential slot to him.

Earlier a Humphrey aide said that Mr. McGovern had asked Mr. Humphrey to be his vice-presidential running mate, but Mr. Humphrey had firmly turned down the job yesterday.

The aide said Mr. McGovern asked Mr. Humphrey to take the candidacy at a breakfast meeting yesterday. He made a strong case for Sen. Humphrey accepting the offer, but Sen. Humphrey said he preferred to devote his time now to the Senate.

The McGovern staff refused to comment on the report. Sen. Humphrey has been one of those mentioned as a possible choice for vice-presidential candidate following the withdrawal of Sen. Thomas Eagleton after his disclosure that he received electroshock treatment for mental depression during the 1960s.

The Democratic National Committee is to meet next Tuesday to choose a new vice-presidential candidate. (AP, Reuters)

# Eight Greeks on trial for terrorist activities



Eight Greeks, accused of planning South American style Tupamaros terrorist tactics, at their trial in Athens yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

ATHENS (Reuters). — All but one of a group of eight Greeks who went on trial yesterday denied charges of plotting terrorist activities, including the kidnapping of the 11-year-old son of the late U.S. President John Kennedy.

The eighth man, Christos Ramanatis, the alleged leader of the group, admitted the charges in a preliminary plea, but with "certain reservations."

Before a packed court, two prosecution witnesses told a five-man military tribunal that the group planned a series of robberies and kidnappings in order to extort money for buying arms and explosives.

The witnesses, an army private and a captain in the military police, said the group belonged to an underground organization called "New Left" which had the ultimate aim of forcibly overthrowing the present Greek army-backed regime.

According to the indictment read in court, the group modelled itself on the Uruguayan Tupamaros guerrillas and planned to kidnap a number of foreign and Greek personalities, including John Kennedy, Jr., while he was on holiday in Greece.

After defence witnesses have been heard, the defendants will make their final plea. The trial is expected to end today.

# Japan: Cut Taiwan ties on recognizing Peking

TOKYO. — The Japanese Government yesterday said its diplomatic relations with Nationalist China on Taiwan will be discontinued "as a natural consequence" when normal relations with mainland China are established.

The statement was the first of its kind officially saying Japan-Nationalist China diplomatic relations will be abrogated when Japan establishes ties with Peking.

The statement was contained in the Japanese Government's official basic view on normalization of relations with Peking made public in an official document submitted to a vice-ministers' meeting.

However, the document said trade and economic relations with Taiwan would be "realistically" settled, leaving open the possibility of continuing trade and other non-diplomatic relations with Nationalist China.

It said the Japanese Government will negotiate with Peking on a favourable understanding toward the principles proposed by the Peking government for restoring relations with Japan.

The principles include recognizing the People's Republic of China as the sole, legal government to represent China and that Taiwan is China's inseparable territory.

Earlier, Foreign Minister Masayoshi Chira said China has formally extended an invitation to Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka to visit Peking.

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# FIREMEN ARRESTED FOR ARSON

FRESNOY-LE-GRAND, France (Reuters). — Seven young men — all volunteer firemen — were arrested yesterday and charged with arson. The men, aged between 16 and 21, were members of this small northeast France town's busy and expert corps of volunteer firemen who have been battling a number of fires deliberately lit in the area in the past.

The volunteers were arrested yesterday and charged with starting the fires themselves. Police said they had also attempted to derail the Paris-Brussels express train.

Police said that the firemen had taken part in rescue efforts at the recent Vieux train catastrophe in which more than 100 persons were killed, and the firemen admitted they wanted to participate again in such an operation.

According to police, one fireman admitted to them: "We get paid each time we go out on a job and thought we could render ourselves really useful this time."

# 'Tribal customs'

LONDON. — An African immigrant yesterday pleaded guilty to knitting his blonde American girlfriend 14 times, then mixing her blood with wine for them to drink in a tribal ritual.

"I pleaded guilty, but this was not done with malice of violence," David Etesien, 29, of Nigeria said. "She is a wonderful woman, a woman I dearly love. So much that I could not harm her."

Helen Sharman, a 29-year-old American living in Britain, told a different story. She said Etesien punched her in the face, then sliced her arms, face and legs with his knife. The judge seemed to agree with her story.

"You are a vicious man," he told Etesien and sentenced him to six months in jail. Etesien claimed that there was nothing wrong with his actions, which only followed a tribal custom.

In Lagos, Nigeria three men suspected of being kidnapers were stoned to death on Wednesday despite police appeals against "jungle law." Lagos newspapers report.

One report said kidnapers use the bodies of the children for juju rituals — witchcraft rites — and police say they have uncovered what appears to be a slave camp for children in Nigeria. (AP, UPI)

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# Rail strike hits Italy

ROME (Reuters). — Italy's railway stations were deserted yesterday as most of the country's 216,000 railway workers quit their jobs in a 24-hour strike.

The strike began on Wednesday evening after last-minute talks between the three principal trade union confederations and junior Transport Minister Luigi Giglia failed to break a deadlock over pay and working conditions.

Union leaders were due to meet after the strike ended last night to decide what future action to take.

# CHOICE FOR ULSTER U.K. to table law for a referendum

LONDON (UPI). — The people of Northern Ireland will be called on to vote later this year whether they wish to remain part of the United Kingdom or to join the Irish Republic, the government announced yesterday.

Northern Ireland Secretary William Whitelaw told Parliament the government will introduce legislation in the fall to provide for such a vote. He said it would be held "as soon as it becomes law."

Mr. Whitelaw said he made the announcement "after discussing and consulting with a large variety of people" about holding such a referendum and about a conference on the future political setup in Northern Ireland. "It would be advisable to hold such a plebiscite or referendum as soon as it reasonably can be done," Mr. Whitelaw said.

Meanwhile, a boobytrap bomb killed a British Army explosives expert on the Irish Republic border yesterday, a suspected gunman died in Belfast and a bomb rampage carried out on Monday claimed three deaths.

The overall fatality toll in three years of Ulster violence to date is 492.

The explosives expert, Ordnance Corps Warrant Officer William Clark, 34, was the first British soldier killed since the army occupied Roman Catholic "no-go" areas of Londonderry and Belfast on Monday in a drive to root out strongholds of the Irish Republican Army.

British troops have carried out widespread sweeps for I.R.A. armaments. They discovered more than a ton of explosives in what the army described as a "bomb factory" house in Londonderry on Wednesday and yesterday found an armalite rifle and an M1 carbine dumped in a field. Two I.R.A. suspects were arrested.

The army also announced it is withdrawing its 400 old-style armoured troop carriers, known as "tugs." They will be returned to Britain for refitting with thicker armour to withstand fire from assault weapons. The army said rocket attacks showed the I.R.A. has acquired stangun-tipped bullets which can pierce lighter armour.

# Victory for Lynch in Mid-Cork poll

CORK, Ireland (UPI). — Voters in the special election for the Irish Republic's Mid-Cork parliamentary seat gave overwhelming victory yesterday to Franklyn Lynch's party and his policy of non-violence as the only way to solve the Northern Ireland crisis.

The candidate of Mr. Lynch's Fianna Fail party won in the face of speculation by news media analysts that the opposition Fine Gael or Labour Party candidates might take the seat and wipe out the government's one-vote parliamentary majority.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim appealed to governments yesterday for \$70m. over the next six months to help Pakistan return and resettle 2 million people displaced in the war with India last December. He made the appeal at a meeting of delegates from about 40 potential donor countries called for that purpose.

# Eighth trial opens in Czechoslovakia

VIENNA. — The wave of political trials continued in Czechoslovakia yesterday when Jaroslav Sabata, a former head of the Brno party organization, and a number of co-defendants went on trial in Brno. It was the eighth trial within a three-week period.

A terse announcement by the Czechoslovak news agency Ceteke (C.T.K.) said Sabata and his co-defendants went on trial at a Brno regional court, charged with forming in the period from 1970 to the end of January, 1972 an illegal group with the aim of disrupting the socialist state and the social system in Czechoslovakia and committing the crime of subversion."

C.T.K. did not name the others in the group or say how many there were. Observers in Prague believe they are likely to include Professor Sabata's daughter Anna and daughter-in-law Ivana. The group could also include Mr. Alfred Cerny, a former regional Communist party secretary.

So far 31 people have been convicted in the trials of Czechoslovak liberals, receiving prison sentences ranging from a few months to several years. (AP, Reuters)

# Rhodesian official poisons 14 fellow ministry workers

SALISBURY (UPI). — A court yesterday ordered a Rhodesian Information Ministry official held on charges of trying to murder 14 fellow officials by dosing the office tea supply with arsenic.

The 14, three of them women, were hospitalized Tuesday after drinking what doctors said was tea laced with the poison.

Wilfred Allanby Roland, a 57-year-old bespectacled and white bearded ministry administrative officer, sat impassively in the dock as police superintendent Charles Hobbey read out a statement he said Roland made Wednesday night. It said: "On the day in question, I took a phial — a glass tube —

containing what I thought to be poison and put it in the tea caddy early in the morning. I did not intend any lasting damage from this as far as I can recollect. I am very sorry that so many people have been inconvenienced."

Roland's statement said he suffered from high blood pressure and hypertension.

"Very often I get so tense that I hardly know what I am doing," Roland said. "On these occasions, I find it difficult to control myself."

He said he felt he was "mis-employed" in the Information Ministry but his application for transfer had been rejected. He said he felt that John Lewis, the assistant director of information, disliked him.

# Frolics of two U.K. clergymen

LONDON (UPI). — Two married Anglican clergymen, one linked romantically with an 18-year-old choir girl and the other with his secretary, have been turned out of their parishes.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev. Stewart Blanch, said on Wednesday he has banned the Rev. Gordon Sissons, 37, from carrying out religious duties as curate at Holy Trinity Church in Formby, northern England.

Sissons disappeared from his parish 13 days ago with Susan Fourdriner, an attractive member of the church choir. The curate and his wife, Heather, 36, lived next door to the Fourdriner family.

Sissons's father, Paul, said: "We had no idea there was anything between them. If we had known we would have tried to end it. All we want now is Susan back home."

The Very Rev. Eric Porter-Goff, provost of Portsmouth Cathedral, was unfrocked by his bishop on Tuesday for "conduct unbecoming a clergyman" after a church enquiry into his relationship with his secretary, Dolores Estalla Lloyd, 41.

Miss Lloyd's 82-year-old mother Selina said that Porter Goff, 69, was "absolutely crazy" about her daughter. Mrs. Lloyd said her daughter left home on Wednesday. "She just packed a bag and drove off," she said.

# Soviets warned about shipping arms to Iraq

TEHRAN. — The Teheran evening newspaper "Eshaaq" has warned the Soviet Union against sending arms to Iraq and said that Iraqis are "most disturbed" although not afraid of Iraq.

The editorial, written by publisher Senator Abbas Massoudi, rejected an unnamed Soviet diplomat's explanation that Soviet military assistance to Iraq is not aimed against Iran. The editorial asked what would happen if, like Egypt, Iraq expelled all Russian military experts and began using its Soviet-supplied arms against Iran.

Increasing public annoyance at the Soviet military presence in neighbouring Iraq has led Soviet diplomats in Iran to numerous meetings with Iraqis — including one with Mr. Massoudi on Wednesday — to assure them that Russian assistance to Iraq is not aimed against Iran.

# Jurists protest beating of thieves

GENEVA (Reuters). — The International Commission of Jurists yesterday urged President Jean Bedel Bokossa of the Central African Republic to make penalties for theft compatible with universal principles recognized humanitarian principles.

The secretary-general of the ICJ, Mr. Niall MacDermot of Britain, sent a telegram to the President saying the commission was "unpleasantly surprised by the appalling brutalities inflicted on detainees."

Two days ago President Bokossa led troops of the Central African Republic into Bangui Prison, where they clubbed some 45 prisoners, killing three. The President had warned on radio that in the future thieves could be publicly shot or hanged. An earlier government order had said thieves would have one ear cut off for each of their first two offences and a hand for their third offence.

# World's radio case may be disrupted

BOULDER, Colo. (UPI). — Radio communication and the world may be disrupted during the next two days due to a gigantic solar flare that activated particles of the sun on Wednesday.

Robert Decker, chief of the Space Environment Service Centre, said yesterday the solar flare lasted four hours and was the largest in eight years of the created extensive radio waves also caused slow-moving, sun particles to leave the sun's energy.

"We are confident these waves will come into the earth's cycles and continue the next two days," Mr. Decker said.

# Philippine ferry fire kills 28

MANILA (Reuters). — At least 28 passengers died aboard a blazing ferry in the southern Philippines yesterday and more than 80 are missing, police sources reported.

The 70-ton ferry was carrying some 190 people when the cities of Basilan and Zamboanga when fire broke out. It was not immediately known what caused the fire.

Late yesterday police sources said a naval vessel and other ships were searching for survivors and that at least 80 people had been reported missing, while another 80 were rescued by boats.

# Two of black hijackers were escaped convicts

MIAMI (Reuters). — Two of the black hijackers who held a U.S. airline to ransom for \$1m. and forced it to fly to Algeria on Tuesday were escaped convicts, the FBI said on Wednesday night.

One of them, George Wright, 29, was serving a 15 to 20 years sentence for the 1968 murder of a New Jersey petrol station attendant. The other man, George Brown, 28, was given a three to five year sentence in 1968 for armed robbery. Both men escaped from the New Jersey State Prison in August 1970.

Brown, Wright and a third black passenger died aboard a blazing ferry in the southern Philippines yesterday and more than 80 are missing, police sources reported.

Identified as Mrs. Jean Brown, 25, and Joyce Burgess, 23, three children.

Eight are still being held in Florida on charges of air piracy and are out here on Wednesday ball. FBI recommended setting a naval vessel and other ships were searching for survivors and that at least 80 people had been reported missing, while another 80 were rescued by boats.

The hijackers were returned to Algeria. Algerian government officials, recalled by a man who seized an American plane in June, said they were optimistic the latest ransom would be also returned.

The ransom — the highest ever paid by a U.S. airline — is reported to have been surrendered to Algerian authorities.

Delta Airlines, whose four-engine DC-8 returned to Atlanta, Georgia, from Algiers on Wednesday night, announced it was paying 5.75 per cent per annum interest to banks who raised the ransom — just over \$164 dollars a day.

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# MOSCOW-CAIRO TREATY NOW SEEN IN JEOPARDY

By K. G. THALER

LONDON (UPI). — THE agreement to merge Egypt and oil-rich Libya has put the 15-year Soviet-Egyptian friendship treaty in question, less than a year after it was signed to mark the close Cairo-Moscow alignment.

Some diplomats believe the events of the past few days have all but removed the basis for the treaty which gave the USSR considerable control over Egypt, but at the same time underscored Soviet long-term defence commitments.

The Libyan regime of Colonel Mu'ammer Gaddafi is violently anti-Soviet and anti-Communist. Its merger with the Cairo regime thus spells of necessity an Egyptian commitment to loosen its overall alignment with Moscow, presumably to a very considerable degree. This would sharply undermine the whole concept of the treaty to the point that would make it virtually meaningless, diplomatic experts concluded in their first assessment of the merger.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat reportedly complained recently that the treaty was foisted on him by Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny. Sadat may, therefore, be pleased to rid himself of the treaty

which for instance Syria more recently declined to sign when the Soviets made similar approaches to them.

But the question is what equivalent alternatives are open to Sadat at this stage. The merger with Libya, by general consensus of Western diplomats, may offer some economic advantages but it is no replacement for Soviet contractual political, military and economic backing.

Diplomats here expect the 15-year treaty therefore to be more or less quietly dropped. Sadat himself signified he intends to put relations with the U.S.S.R. on a new basis. The Soviets, significantly, have kept quiet and are marking time, while they pull back their military personnel and some of their advanced weapons from Egypt.

Western diplomats are at the same time skeptical about the chances of the new Egyptian-Libyan merger, let alone its ability to provide Egypt with what it lost by dismissing the Russians.

Some are perturbed about the impact Gaddafi's enhanced role in the union may have on Middle East developments — none expects it to prove a stabilizing factor.

# Jubilation is confined to official circles



MIDDLE EAST SCENE by ANAN SAFADI

THE ostentatious jubilation which greeted the proposed Egyptian-Libyan merger seemed to be confined to official circles in both countries. Wednesday's dramatic announcement by President Anwar Sadat and Colonel Mu'ammer Gaddafi of plans to merge within one year was probably seen by ordinary Egyptians and Libyans as the engagement of a couple whose families were not wholeheartedly content with the association. Indeed, the wedding may never take place.

The wild celebrations in the Libyan cities and towns appear to be more than a work of Gaddafi's regime which tightly control the oil-rich desert country with its two million inhabitants centred mainly in less than half a dozen towns. In contrast, Egypt's 35 million population remained strikingly quiet over the scheme which reminded them of the previous ill-fated three-year-old union with Syria in the late '50s and of their continued involvement in pan-Arab schemes at the expense of their own country's stability.

The two sides have taken no immediate unilateral measures, but merely declared they were setting up joint committees to study the bases for a merger through constitutional structure, political organization, defence and national security, economic and monetary systems and so on. In a decree, separate from the official communique announcing the plans for a merger, the Egyptian and Libyan leaders said that legislation would be promulgated allowing their countrymen the right to own property and work in either country.

One concrete step the Egyptian and the Libyan leaders decided on was the formation of a "joint" political leadership assigned to establish grounds for the union at the earliest possible date. But even this measure is not really new, as similar "joint leaderships" are already supposed to be operating in Cairo which houses a federal cabinet and a federal parliament embracing representatives of the two countries, in addition to those of Syria which is a third partner in the 11-month-old loose association embracing Cairo, Tripoli and Damascus.

The major question then is what is behind the Egyptian and Libyan move towards a merger. It is quite possible that Sadat and Gaddafi are merely seeking to boost their personal images in face of internal and external problems.

Libya, which enjoys an annual income of some \$2.4 billion in oil revenues, is unlikely to make gains in the proposed merger through



The leaders of the newly proposed union, Libya's Gaddafi (left) and Egypt's Sadat, enjoy a joke together.

which it will eventually be swallowed by Egypt. A union could only impose a more responsible authority and leadership on young Gaddafi and boost Sadat's personal image as a pan-Arab leader. On the other hand, Gaddafi, a champion of pan-Arabism and a Moslem fanatic, may seek to promote his current interventions in the affairs of other countries through Egypt's power.

Sadat, for his part, may be looking confidently at the riches of Libya which may provide access to Western arms, as the Soviets may counter or later tighten their arm limitations following their dismissal from Egypt. Sadat is obviously eyeing Western arms including those produced in Britain, but he appears to be concentrating on the French who are already contracted to supply Libya with 110 Mirage jet warplanes.

A French government spokesman said on Wednesday night that his country would take a new look at its arms deal with Libya if the planned merger included the fusion of its military forces with Egypt.

However, Sadat could conceivably persuade Gaddafi to delay the urge for an immediate merger until Libya gets sufficient arms from France and others.

CAIRO news reports have been stressing that an Egyptian merger with Libya was essential, not only the Arab confrontation with Israel, but also for exerting pressure on the U.S., which is accused of providing unlimited support to Israel against the Arabs. The reports indicate that Egypt is seeking some kind of a strategy to use Arab oil to apply pressure on the U.S.

Egypt's semi-official "Al-Ahram" newspaper this week urged the drafting of a "pan-Arab strategy" to threaten American interests so that the legal rights of the Arabs in the region can be safeguarded. The paper concluded its argument by saying that "this will be the

reply best understood by America." The remarks in "Al-Ahram" follow reports that the Egyptian, Syrian and Libyan leaders agreed at their last meeting on a plan to strike at American interests in the area. There was however no elaboration on the moves decided upon by the three countries of which only Libya can harm American oil interests, although not effectively, because it is doubtful whether other oil-producing Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait would agree to join any anti-American venture which may harm their own financial interests. According to figures released by the U.S. Department of Commerce last year, the book value of direct American investments in the Arab world totalled \$2.2 billion, 90 per cent of which was in oil industry.

Sadat's criticism of the U.S. and his threats against its Middle East interests were being voiced however while Cairo emphasized that Washington was, nevertheless, the holder of the key to a Middle East settlement. Now, because of the stalemate, for which he accused the Russians, Sadat is seen to be interested in a dialogue with the U.S.

Egypt's Foreign Minister, Dr. Murad Ghaleb, filed this weekend to New York for talks on Sunday with U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and his Middle East envoy, Dr. Gunnar Jarring, on the possible resumption of the latter's Middle East mission. But Ghaleb's main task is likely to be directed at exploring current feelings put out by the U.S. and in particular by its Assistant Secretary of State, Joseph Sisco, who intensified his department's Middle East activity in the aftermath of Russian withdrawal.

At the moment, no drastic developments in Egypt's attitude towards the U.S. or the Middle East conflict seem to be in the offing, for Sadat has failed to take any concrete steps forward in this context, except for his conflicting statements now also being defined in Cairo as "foggy." This week's announcement on the planner merger has certainly not removed any of the fog that has been enveloping Cairo since Sadat took over less than two years ago.



IRAQIS AT THE KREMLIN: Baghdad's Defence Minister Hammud Shohab, left, walks through Red Square with Iraqi Ambassador Saleh Mahdi, right foreground.

# FOOD CRISIS PREDICTED IN INDIA

By TREVOR DREIBERG, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI. — A SERIOUS agricultural crisis and food shortages are predicted in several states of India if the current drought does not end in the next few days. Grain production in the agricultural year 1971-72 may be two million tons below last year's record 307.8 million tons, food officials here say.

But Agriculture Ministry spokesmen hope actual famine will be averted off as the Government has nine million tons of grain in its stores. They are worried, however, at the steady rise in the price of all types of foodstuffs.

Grain prices alone have risen 11 per cent in the last 12 months, and are bound to rise further if the damage to the current kharif (summer) crops is as serious as indicated at present.

According to a national news agency, a "disconcertingly steep" fall in the grain harvest in the drought-hit states is feared. These states are located in western, northern and eastern India, where rainfall has been well below normal since June 1.

In the northwestern states of Rajasthan, much of which falls within the Thar desert, the standing crop in 24 of its 26 districts has been damaged. Scarcity conditions are developing in the affected areas, and the states may suffer the worst famine in its history, according to Chief Minister Barksullah Khan.

All 54 districts of Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state with more than 100 million inhabitants, have had two weeks without rain. Another fortnight's drought is certain to cause widespread scarcity.

Sowing of summer crops like rice, maize and sorghum has been delayed and "the situation is grave but not desperate," the "Times of India" reports from its correspondent in the state capital, Lucknow. "The farmer (farmer) is fighting against the elements with his back to the wall."

Besides the failure of food crops, the western state of Gujarat reports that the cotton and groundnut crops are withering in the fields. Last year, the same state reported a record harvest of cotton as a result of introducing high-yielding varieties of seed.

Shortage of raw cotton will hamper government efforts to put the ailing textile industry back on its feet. A reduced groundnut crop means a shortage of cooking fats, of which this nut is the main source. This will give an additional thrust to the price spiral.

Reports from West Bengal stress that the continued drought has dealt a crippling blow to jute cultivators. This crop, a basic raw material for much of India's exports, may be half its normal size this year, and export earnings may rise at a far slower rate than the cumulative rate of seven per cent yearly the govern-

ment has set for the present four-year plan.

Punjab, one of the main centres of the "green revolution" that is spreading slowly throughout the country, expects damage to a fourth of its rice crop. Neighbouring Haryana, where new techniques of farming are also well advanced, sets its loss of this crop at 50 per cent.

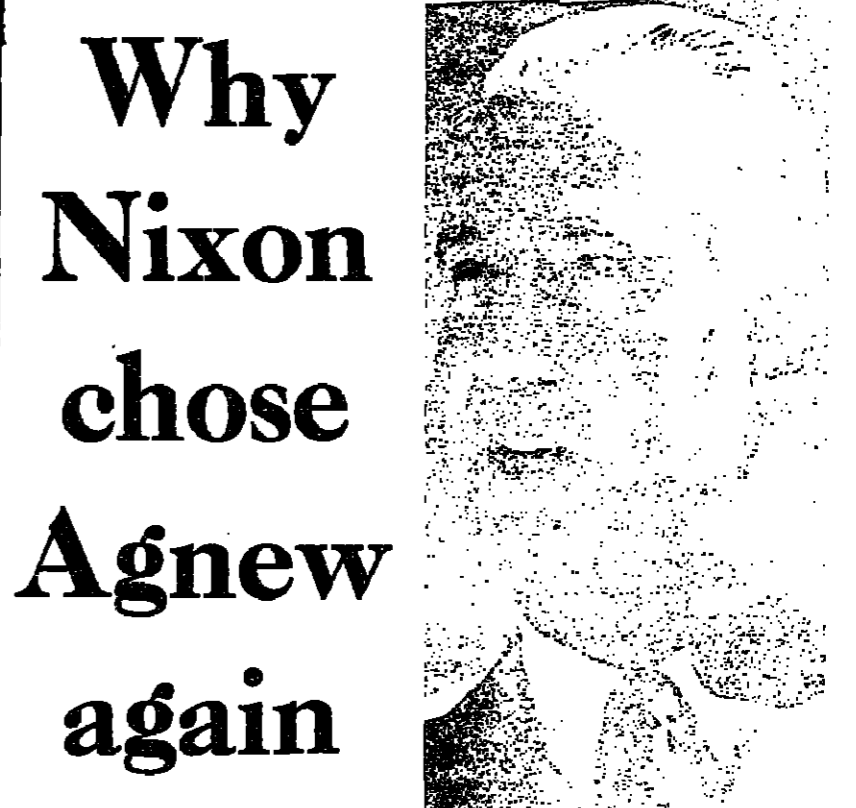
A big fall in the grain crop could have serious consequences. First confident that this year's harvest would reach 111 million tons, the government cancelled concessional grain imports from the U.S. and declared self-sufficiency in food its goal in 1972.

With a comfortable stockpile, New Delhi hopes it may not have to seek emergency supplies of grain from foreign producers of surpluses. But the pressure on prices is bound to become more intense as these stocks dwindle. The internal value of the rupee, which the "Statesman" calculates has slumped by half in the last 10 years, may take a further dive downward.

The index of wholesale prices has risen sharply since last May, and topped 200 points this month, compared with the base year 1961-62. Prices rose 7.1 per cent in the 12 months that ended in mid-June.

The triple problems of the Indian economy today are mounting unemployment, rising prices and the disappointingly slow rate of industrial growth. To ginger up production, especially in industry, the government is making efforts to coordinate the policies and actions of its economic ministries.

After the slump caused by three consecutive bad agricultural years, the result of prolonged drought from 1965 to 1967, industry has been picking up steadily. But there are fears that if this year's shortage of rain does not end and speedily agriculture and industry will have a relapse, thus negating the return to political stability ushered in by the parliamentary elections in March 1971.



Max Lerner's OPINION

# Why Nixon chose Agnew again

Max Lerner's OPINION

WITH Spiro Agnew tapped again in true feudal fashion, by the tip of President Nixon's ennobling sword, the last potential for surprise has been taken out of the Republican convention. The only thing left to guess will be the colour chosen for each successive day's security passes.

"I wouldn't presume to provide you with all the factors that went into the President's decision," said Mr. Nixon's press secretary. With no pipeline, here are my own guesses about seven major factors.

1) The McGovern factor. Nixon wanted to be sure McGovern was chosen. Had it been Kennedy or Humphrey, Nixon would have needed John Connally or Nelson Rockefeller as a running-mate to woo the marginal Democrats. But the McGovern trouble and the current straw-poll spread (Gallup puts it at 56 per cent to 37 per cent) have given Nixon a feeling of safety (perhaps too much) and saved Agnew. Add the current euphoria about an economic upswing and a checked inflation rate, and you get a confident Nixon indeed.

2) The Wallace factor. It is clear that Wallace will stay inside the National Democratic Party but not exert himself for McGovern. Of the 18 per cent of the voters currently pro-Wallace, Agnew is meant to make sure that most of them, especially in the South, go to Nixon. Given McGovern's vulnerability, a campaigning style like Agnew's ("McGovern is the candidate of the ideological elite") may be armed to keep him on his defensive.

3) The Populist factor. The people who feel most squeezed out of the Democratic Party (given the new quota democracy in it) are the white ethnics and the people of Heartland America. The latter used to be mostly the Wasps of the Grant Wood drawings, but that is no longer true. Heartland America now, as I have seen it in state after state, includes the urban blue-collar and white ethnic groups as well as the small-town Protestants. Their discontents are too deep to be reached by any Establishment — which is why Wallace reached them and why McGovern is aiming at them. Agnew is meant to checkmate McGovern with them, opposing a Populist of the Left by a Populist of the Right, especially on the credibility of the media and of the intellectuals.

4) The Right Wing factor. Agnew's choice will reassure and appease Nixon's own right wing, which feels bruised over the Salt

treaty, the foreign policy toward China and Russia, and the economic controls at home. True, these conservatives had nowhere else to go except to Nixon, but they could have sat on their hands through the election. Agnew expressed their doubts and dismays, and what happened to him became their game of symbolic losses and gains.

5) The party unity factor. Nixon feared that if he waited too long, a movement to dump Agnew and nominate John Connally (as witness Sen. Javits) would build up and split convention and party. Given McGovern's open and agonized wrestling with a Democratic Party rent asunder by the convention, the image of a unified Republican Party becomes all the more important to Nixon.

6) The self-image factor. Nixon wanted to keep his self-image unbroken. He suffered greatly when his own claim to a second-term nomination as Vice President was attacked by the Stassen group in 1956, and when Eisenhower's dawdling indecision made the whole episode a bell for him. In extreme need Nixon would have scuttled Agnew, but given his present lead over McGovern the extreme need didn't materialize. Thus he feels he can save his self-image without imperiling his re-election — a happy circumstance for a man who likes power but also conducts a constant inner dialogue.

7) The succession factor. Looking towards 1976, Nixon may not be displeased at the prospect of a tough battle between a whole field of candidates, including Agnew and Connally, for the Republican nomination. As a politician he must know that in 1976 the Republicans may be due for a swing towards liberalism. To keep the Agnew-Tower-Ragan-Buckley wing alive gives Nixon more leverage as an arbiter.

As a counterbalance against all seven factors there is the monumental fact that many marginal and potential Nixon voters recoil from the idea of an Agnew succession in the event of Nixon's death. Monstrous as the thought of an act of violence is, the "heartbeat" factor can't be ruled out. Every party makes use of it, and it may weigh heavily in crucial hairbreadth megastates like New York and California.

Judging from his recent Portland speech Agnew may attempt some cosmetic surgery of his own, to give himself a new image and curb some of the "reactiveness" (his own term) which made him the anti-media brawler he became. It will be worth watching.

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## GEOLOGIST'S RESEARCH HELPS NATION GROW

By R. GIL

Israel's Ministry of Housing has called upon Dr. Akiva Flexer of the Department of Geography to determine and map the geological characteristics of proposed development sites. The old pioneering habit of starting a new town without caring what lies under the soil is now passé.

Together with the Ministry's Chief Building Engineer, Mr. David David, Dr. Flexer is surveying and recording topographical conditions, especially in mountainous regions. The researchers, with the aid of aerial photography, are determining factors of vital importance to builders, such as geotechnical features, the areas in which they extend (so that buildings go up on homogeneous, rather than heterogeneous, land formations) as well as faults, cracks and weak spots on the earth's surface.

Dr. Flexer is involved in still another project contributing to the nation's development. He is currently charting areas in which, according to geographical indications, oil is likely to be struck. (Adv.)

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# Jewish film archive at Hebrew U.



Raymond Burr ("Ironside") and his team go to synagogue.



Danny Kaye as the Jewish refugee Jacobowsky in "Me and the Colonel."



Zero Mostel and Harry Belafonte in "The Angel Levine."

THOUSANDS of films have been made on subjects of Jewish interest in various parts of the world. Much material — some of it of great historical value — has been irretrievably destroyed but much remains to be saved.

The Abraham F. Rad Jewish Film Archives of the Hebrew University, formally opened on Mount Scopus yesterday, is locating Jewish film material and has begun to gather a selection of these films for preservation in the Jewish National and University Library and are administered by the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry

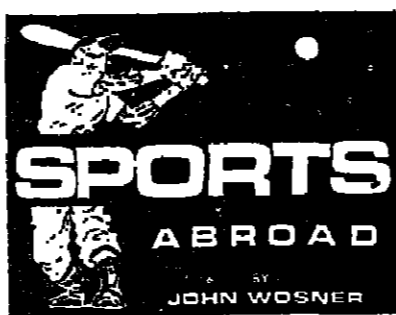
and Israel content now in Israel. In print are the results of a further survey (subsidized by Israel Television and conducted in cooperation with the University of Southern California Film Department) listing information on almost 4,000 such films in the U.S. — ranging from pre-World War I "The Yiddisher Cowboy" down to "Good-bye Columbus."

The Archives, which are linked with the Jewish National and University Library and are administered by the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry

in conjunction with the University's Communications Institute, is named for the Iranian Jewish philanthropist who has enabled its establishment.

Films gathered are selected both for their historical value and for their potential application within the University's teaching and research programmes, especially in the field of Contemporary Jewry.

It is also intended to compile a comprehensive master catalogue relating to the contents of as many relevant films as possible so that makers of films on Jewish topics — especially of an educational and documentary nature — will immediately be able to locate existing footage that will help them in their film-making.



## SEAVER LOSES 4th STRAIGHT GAME

TOM Seaver, a 20-game winner for the New York Mets last season, was beaten for the fourth straight time in Major League baseball Wednesday night.

Deron Johnson's two-run homer in the ninth off the star right-hander gave the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 victory and kept the runaway Mets from gaining on the first-place Pittsburgh Pirates in the National League East.

Johnson's homer also ended Seaver's personal 11-game winning streak against the Phillies going back to Sept. 29, 1968. Seaver's record now is 12-9.

The Houston Astros crushed the Cincinnati Reds 10-4, the San Diego Padres blanked the Atlanta Braves 5-0, the Milwaukee Brewers routed the Detroit Tigers 13-1, the Texas Rangers defeated the Minnesota Twins 4-1, the Chicago White Sox shamed the California Angels 10-9 and the Chicago Cubs nipped the Montreal Expos 5-4 in a six-inning game called by rain.

The scheduled second game between the Cubs and the Expos was postponed.

The New York Yankees split a doubleheader with the Boston Red Sox. The Yankees won the afternoon game 5-1 and the Red Sox won the nightcap 7-4. The Baltimore Orioles and the Cleveland Indians also divided a twin bill, the Orioles taking the opener 7-0 and the Indians the nightcap 6-3.

The St. Louis Cardinals spotted the Pittsburgh Pirates five runs in the first two innings, then exploded for nine runs in the fourth for a 10-5 victory in a game called after 4½ innings because of rain.

The Brewers pounded out 13 hits to swamp the Tigers and make it easy for Jim Lomborg to chalk up his 10th victory. Bobby Murcer's three-run homer won the opener for the Yankees before Ben Oglivie's two-run double in a four-run third inning helped the Red Sox gain a split.

Joe Rudi hit a home run, a double and a single to drive in two runs and scored twice himself to back up Catfish Hunter's five-hitter as the Oakland A's blanked the Kansas City Royals 5-0.

The Los Angeles Dodgers edged the San Francisco Giants in a 12-11 slugfest when Bill Russell's hit a two-run homer in the ninth. The Giants had tied the game on Ed Goodson's two-run homer in the top of the ninth.

Baseball standings after Wednesday's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct. GB.	
Detroit	55	42	.567	—
Baltimore	53	44	.546	2
New York	49	48	.510	6
Boston	48	49	.500	7 1/2
Cleveland	44	53	.454	11
Milwaukee	39	58	.402	16
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct. GB.	
Pittsburgh	60	37	.619	—
New York	53	45	.543	6 1/2
Chicago	52	47	.524	7 1/2
St. Louis	48	49	.495	12 1/2
Montreal	43	51	.457	17 1/2
Philadelphia	36	58	.387	24 1/2
WEST				
	W.	L.	Pct. GB.	
Cincinnati	55	38	.594	—
Houston	55	45	.550	1
Los Angeles	50	47	.515	5 1/2
Atlanta	46	53	.465	10 1/2
San Francisco	45	55	.450	12
San Diego	39	59	.398	18

## ATHLETICS

PERKKA Vasala of Finland handed Steve Prefontaine of the United States his first defeat in two years Wednesday, winning the 1,500 metre feature in the pre-Olympic International Track and Field Meet in Oslo on Wednesday in the time of 3 minutes, 38.3 seconds.

The 21-year-old Prefontaine was second and Gianni Del Guano of Italy third.

Prior to the race, Prefontaine had said he planned to pace the 1,500 in order to help his University of Oregon teammate Aras Kvalheim, qualify for the Norwegian Olympic team. Kvalheim finished 10th in 3:44.6 but made the team.

In another final, Bjoern Grimed of Norway won the Javelin with a toss of 277 feet, 6½ inches. Miklos Nemeth of Hungary was second with 275-8 and a 24-year-old U.S. Army private, Bill Schmidt, was third with 262-8.

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<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>15,980,817</b>	<b>13,937,352</b>
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Capital Reserve	3,675,418	1,848,367
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Business and Finance

Insurance of cars reduces profits

By MOSHE ATZER Jerusalem Post Economic Editor... PRELIMINARY summaries of Israel's insurance industry in 1971...

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Wage rise of 8% seen

By DAVID KRIVINE Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent... ECONOMIC planners in the Government are steeling themselves against the impact of heavy wage increases...

The average wage rise during the year is expected to be 8 per cent net of taxes... The targets of economic performance, as laid down in the National Budget...

Also, exports grew last year more than was expected when the National Budget was drawn up... Election year... However, leaders of the Treasury expect that the adverse effect of wage inflation will certainly be felt very strongly next year...

Even so, the Government will have to increase indirect taxes... Concerning investment, Mr. Dovrat denied reports that there is a sag...

Investment... The tough credit policy is imperative in order to balance the bulging supply of liquidity...

TEL AVIV. — Although conversion of foreign currency continues on a large scale, inflationary pressure has subsided in recent months...

Factory construction declined in the first quarter by 27 per cent... It also suggests that the main growth of investment took place last year...

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Health Minister Victor Shemtov refuses an invitation from singer Yaffa Yarkoni to dance at the "First Zionist Congress of Laughter" at the Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem. (Segev)

# THE LAUGH WAS ON THE PUBLIC

"The First Zionist Congress of Laughter" (Jerusalem, Binyanei Ha'Ooma).

THESE "those were the days" motif has been used many times by famous and competent artists. I think it was 13 years ago that we saw a show of this name, and at the time it was a great experience — both because it was a first and because its authors excelled in their choice of the very best from the mass of material available. Apparently someone thought that a new generation had since grown up which would be likely customers for a similar offering — which he called "The First Zionist Congress of Laughter — Those Were the Days."

Apart from certain outward trappings — a big picture of Herzl at the First Zionist Congress and a sketch named "Who's Herzl?" — there was no other connection between the name of the show and its content.

The biggest "laugh" was on the audience who paid huge prices for their seats at Binyanei Ha'Ooma and did not get value for their money. Instead, they were presented with a haphazard collection of old songs — some better, some worse — performed by several singers — some better, some worse — strung

together with chatter from Haim Hefer and Shai K. Ophir. I was sorry for an actor of the standard of Yossi Banai who was forced to compete throughout the entire evening with this bridging chatter which although sometimes wonderful, was often too long and monotonous — particularly since it was presented by a lone actor who often made mistakes in his lines.

The young and the not-so-young in the audience, who were unfamiliar with the folk history of the State-in-the-making, were simply at a loss to understand the authors' meanings: pre-State type jokes are just not common currency in our own period of *Hagashash Hahtover* humour.

Even those few over-40s who were born and raised in this country, who still retain memories of the good old days, including the lyrics of the popular songs — even they expected a good deal more from the "Congress."

Zippy Shavit and Gaddi Yagil, despite valiant efforts, were unable to overcome the mediocrity of the material and win over the audience. It is pitiful that this "Congress of Laughter" was supposed to be the opening event of the 25th anniversary celebrations. E.D.

# THE TOURIST'S TRIBULATIONS

By Fay Rogg

IT is easy to tell at the airport that you have arrived in Israel. Why? The valises, backpacks and duffel bags roll along the beltway like over-stuffed delicatessen sandwiches. Once you have grabbed yours, off you go, into the open arms of Aunt Freda, Uncle Abe, and the kids. Kisses. Hugs. More embraces. Such excitement...

A slight but only slight, communication problem ensues. Although you have brushed up your pligim Hebrew, thanks to Eli Al's handy "30 must" words, you find that "to-da," "adomi," and "yot" hardly serve to convey the events of the past 30 years of your life which you have instinctively felt is the question you are being asked. Rapport is still very warm, however, with kisses and smiles over, what is left to say? Not much.

So off you go for a short trip home. All six of you pile into the Fiat 850 and, like that, over-stuffed luggage, you roll home, only to find a table full of everything. You say to yourself, "What if I had been really, really fat? Would they still have insisted that I sample one, two and three of everything?" You have little time to think such thoughts because you are busy chomping, chewing and shovelling the next-to-the-next fork-full of food into your mouth. Nods of approval from across the table reinforce your appetite. God forbid that you should leave

that table hungry!

Siesta. And you need it, you must be chipper to receive first cousin X, fifth cousin Y, and Z, an old family friend and a couple of others, that evening... Stories... "I remember..." "Do you know Uncle Solly from Kalamazoo, Mich?" "What do you do?" "Can you walk on the streets in New York by yourself?" Alas, the nuts and raisins, olives, and sunflower seeds have disappeared only to be replaced by cookie and cake time. Gobble, gobble, gobble... and then the final act. The fruit bowl arrives. Everyone participates, reaches for a grape or two, a plum, a peach.

But as your time in Israel passes you realize that the fruit bowl is not merely a fruit bowl. It is rather a neat, subtle device. It is a time bomb — yes, the 10-minute signal to bidding adieu. On schedule, you soon after notice that each person obediently leaves. There you are at the door saying "Shalom, Lehdraot" as you promise to visit each and every relative in Rehovot, Netanya, Haifa and Jerusalem. "Why not?" you say to yourself. "It's a small country." Little do you realize you have not yet hit the Bigged Tour Office and learned that there are so many tours in this "small country" that a Chinese menu measures poorly in range of choice.

Day breaks. Israel swings at six a.m. Breakfast. (No details. Let's just say, a lot of breakfast. O.K.)

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Your tenth day has arrived. You don't know why. You're uptight. You can't leave. You cancel your flight and stay on a day or so... or so... six and one half weeks later, you leave. You have explored the country on your own now and you really have gotten quite attached to it.

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## Readers' letters

### RELIGIOUS COERCION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On reading Mr. Landau's interview with Mr. Hazani (July 24) I was amazed once again how religious people in Israel seem convinced that our country will disappear if religion is separated from state, despite the fact that the majority of countries throughout the world exist that way. I fail to see how we differ from them. How Mr. Hazani can compare us to the Crusaders who came to this part of the world as conquerors is beyond me. They all had freedom of their own to return to and I am sure that that was the reason they never put down roots in this country. Does Mr. Hazani really think that Sabras can be compared to the Crusaders, even if they are not religious? does he seriously believe that civil marriage would influence them at any time to give up their country? As a non-religious citizen, I can assure him that the contrary is true. If there is no religious freedom and I mean freedom for every citizen to choose whether he wants to live a religious life or not, then the possi-

bility of a 'Kulturkampf' as Mr. Hazani says is indeed probable and then may lead to the exodus he seems to fear.

At present every citizen is forced to abide by the rulings of a body of men who have no right to such power in the eyes of a large number of people of this country. I call this religious coercion, something I tried to get away from when coming here. We have a government which represents us and has the right to pass laws, we have judges who are qualified to enforce these laws and we should have rabbis who are solely spiritual leaders and do not mix in politics.

By all means let the secular schools teach better understanding of Judaism, but at the same time teach the religious schools that we are all Jews and that the fact that the non-religious wish to find a solution to their problems, not necessarily according to *halacha* does not make them less Jewish.

R. BARANY Neve Magen, July 24.

### Ben-Aharon interview

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We wish to refer to your report, "Ben-Aharon: Now is the time for social revolution" (July 28) by Srava Shapiro and wish to point out that the headline does not reflect the contents of the interview; it is even more serious as it appears to be a quotation from what was said by the Secretary-General, Itzhak Ben-Aharon. In the course of this interview, the Secretary-General did not say the words attributed to him in the headline. The interview was conducted in Hebrew and amongst other things, Ben-Aharon referred to the aims and methods of Zionism which could be defined, almost since its inception, as the social revolution of the Jewish people. Therefore the headline implying that "Now is the time for the social revolution" is misleading.

The final sentence, "I have no ambitions at present to assume power, was never said by Ben-Aharon. Ben-Aharon never spoke nor aimed at "taking power" by force nor the use of force in the past, present or future.

SEMMUEL SOLER, Spokesman of the Histadrut Tel Aviv, July 30.

Srava Shapiro observes: What Ben-Aharon actually said, in Hebrew, was: "Ets li fi she's she'ivot shiltonot," which means literally: "I have not at present any governmental aspirations."

### Mr. Know-All

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was amused by the polemics raised over Somerset Maugham's story, "Mr. Know-All" after it had been telecast here. Now one of your readers (July 27) has discovered, to everybody's relief, that "Mr. Know-All" is probably not a Jew, but an Arab. It has apparently escaped the attention of both your reviewer and correspondent that in the story Mr. Know-All comes out not as the villain, but as a chivalrous, good-hearted gentleman. Let's not be so thin-skinned and look for anti-Semitism where none is intended.

E. TRAUBNER Tel Aviv, July 27.

### UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Balancing the budgets of Israel's universities is impossible, but here are two suggestions: higher tuition fees for foreign students and/or pledges from foreign students to be paid at a specific time after graduation.

At this point in the development of Israel, the universities can be selective in accepting candidates from abroad. Foreign families are able to pay higher tuition rates than Israelis and should not be offered such large subsidies.

The universities might also learn a lesson from American synagogues — to belong to a religious institution, one not only pays his annual dues, but also must make a pledge to the building fund.

JOYCE RAFFER Glencoe, Ill., July 12.

### Comfortless cinema

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have just returned from a disgraceful excuse for a cinema in Tel Aviv called the Tchelet. Like most other cinemas in Israel, the seats were wooden, but these particular ones must have been brought over in the earliest days, or made with wood from the Ark. There was hardly a moment when the screaming and squeaking of the seats allowed the audience to hear anything that was going on the screen. I cannot understand why the management feel it is beyond them to buy some oil occasionally.

The amazing thing is how such places are allowed to charge the same prices as the more comfortable cinemas that are occasionally to be found in this country.

Do the cinema owners really believe it is only TV which is the cause of the vanishing audiences? Maybe they are right, but I would like to feel that some sections of the public are demanding a little more comfort in their film-going.

IVAN B. BENJAMIN Ramat Aviv, July 16.

### HILTON BEACH NOT FOR TOURISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Two big signboards were installed at the Tel Aviv Hilton Beach to inform the public about beach regulations and safety rules, but they are in Hebrew only. Upon inquiry as to why there is no English text a beach inspector explained that there was no money for the English text, and the responsible official at the Municipality justified this state of affairs on the grounds that there are no Hebrew signboards in London.

GEWA ROSENBERG-TONN Tel Aviv, April 7.

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# NO ROADS LEAD TO SANHEDRIA HAMURHEVET

## City forgets 500 people

By NAOMI RAGEN  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

SPURNED by a real concern over their physical well-being and a ring of total isolation in the city, the residents of Sanhedria Hamurhevet in Jerusalem held a demonstration at the Municipality in early July. Although they did not bang on desks, hold signs, chant slogans, or demand abuses, they were clearly a group of people at the end of their rope, with living conditions that were unbearable to begin with, were growing worse.

Some 500 people, mostly Orthodox, now live in the new housing quarter under construction in the Sanhedria Tombs in the eastern part of Jerusalem. It was continued indifference of the municipal authorities that finally led their protest.

Their homes had been built by the Levy for Amidar, the Government's housing corporation, which leased them to the occupants as an option to purchase.

When they first began to receive apartments from the Ministry in October 1971, the scene resembled the aftermath of a battle. Huge boulders and debris were strewn in wanton piles on the roads, pipes jutted up at angles and open pits yawned every turn. What were referred to as pavements, now live in the newly flattened stretches of the dust-laden rubble. Almost hidden by mushrooming clouds of dust, the area was inundated by tractors and heavy machinery workmen as well as enough Arab villages to populate a Samaritan village.

There is nothing surprising or appalling about such conditions in an area where a bus could not be expected to navigate the difficult terrain. What is surprising is that, after a year and a half, the homes were connected to hundreds of residents, conditions



General view of the isolated new Jerusalem housing quarter, Sanhedria Hamurhevet.



Seventy-nine-year-old Bella Karyitky struggles up one of the unfinished roads in the quarter. (Welles photos)

nia Davis, a retired immigrant from Los Angeles. "Whoever had the responsibility for having us moved into the area has to see that minimal services are provided," Dr. Lafair concluded.

"Living here is fine, as long as you don't have to go out," said another resident. "Even getting the simple necessities of life like milk and bread, becomes a whole business. They've given us lovely apartments, planted us here, and forgotten about us."

Mr. Henich dutifully recorded all complaints and even accompanied the protesters on a guided tour of the area. He raised many hopes by inviting representatives of the group to air their complaints at a meeting of the transport committee, which is responsible for the planning of public transport in Jerusalem.

Although a small contingent did attend the committee's hearing, much of the proceedings were lost on the mostly English-speaking group and they were inhibited from speaking by their unsure command of Hebrew. The one Israeli in the group spoke briefly about the re-routing of their bus, but the net result, after the committee had considered the matter in closed session, was the reply that the route would not be changed again and a request to the group to be patient for three or four months' over getting a bus of their own.

### Nonchalant

The other parties involved, including Amidar, Egged, and the Ministry of Housing, have all expressed similarly nonchalant attitudes. Amidar, which distributed the apartments and collects the rent, disclaims any responsibility for conditions in the area. One Amidar official tackled on the matter replied: "It's not for us to worry whether there are supermarkets or roads in an area. We just distribute apartments. In fact, we get a lot of pressure from our clients and the Absorption Ministry to allocate apartments even before they have electricity."

Egged, for its part, doesn't see that the area has a real problem. "When we changed the No. 4 bus route, we didn't think of Sanhedria Hamurhevet at all," said Mr. Natan Mooshe, speaking for the cooperative. "The No. 4 bus was always intended to serve French Hill. It was only incidental that people from Sanhedria Hamurhevet used it." He admitted that the re-routing of the bus created additional hardships, but declared that the No. 2 bus would provide a full service "as soon as there are roads."

Nor does the Ministry of Housing regard the situation as so urgent. Questioned about the roads, a spokesman expressed "surprise." After all, there are roads already; of course pipes are being laid and it isn't so neat, but these things take time.

This kind of bureaucratic buck-passing has only served to convince Sanhedria Hamurhevet's residents that they are indeed Jerusalem's forgotten children.

The most recent action on their patience occurred when eight-year-old Nehora Hartman was taken to hospital with acute bacillary dysentery, a disease which swept through the community last month. Doctors living in the neighbourhood are convinced that the epidemic was connected with the gushing of an open sewer that had been flooding a nearby "road" for several weeks.

Sanhedria Hamurhevet's feeling of being Jerusalem's forgotten community is given ironic confirmation when city workers sent out to repair the sewer returned without having done so. The city explained to angry callers that though they had looked for it, they just "couldn't find Sanhedria Hamurhevet."

Mrs. Ragen, a recent immigrant from the U.S. writes from first-hand experience of living in Jerusalem's newest suburb.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter  
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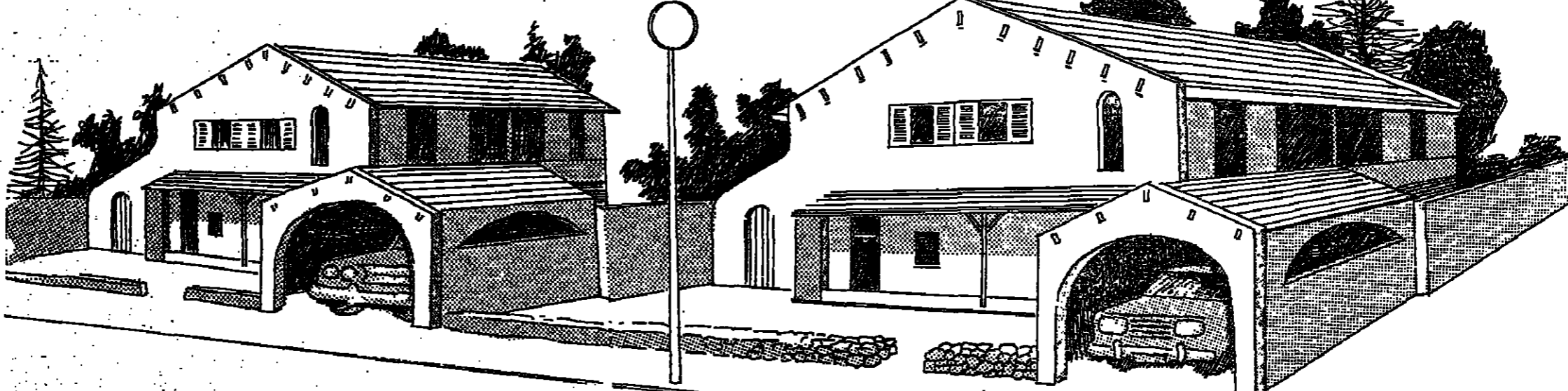
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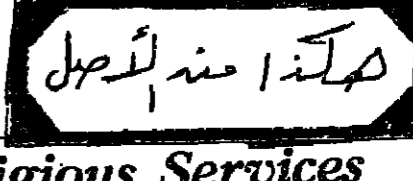
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Israel Education Fund  
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1. The Executive of the Jewish Agency (hereinafter the Agency)  
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**BOGRAD COMPREHENSIVE HIGH  
SCHOOL in KIRYAT GAT**  
2. The projected construction is on a total construction area of ap-  
proximately 2,800 sq.m.  
3. Conditions of the tender as well as all other pertinent information  
can be obtained from Sunday, August 6, 1972 from the Agency,  
17 Rehov Kaplan, Tel Aviv, room 206, during office hours, against  
a non-refundable deposit of IL250.-  
4. A special tour of the construction site for contractors will be held  
on Thursday, August 10, 1972, departing at 10.00 a.m. from the  
Chief Engineer's office at the Kiryat Gat Local Council.  
5. Bids should be submitted not later than 12 noon on Wednesday,  
September 6, 1972 at the address mentioned in paragraph 3 above.  
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contract to be signed.  
7. This tender is open only to contractors registered in accordance  
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SABENA HIJACK TRIAL

Unwilling tool, claims accused; no sign of that, says passenger

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DRUG ADDICTION
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PASSPORTS
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A huge brush fire spread through the fields of Alhisamach, a moshav northeast of Ramle, yesterday. Eight fire engines were called out to fight the blaze. Yesterday's temperature there hit 32 degrees centigrade.

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Alleged assault victim of Shulman attempts suicide

TEL AVIV. — The young English-speaking male tourist who was allegedly sexually assaulted in the apartment of Mordechai ("Shulman Will Pay") Shulman last month tried to commit suicide. It was reported yesterday that the man, who is in his twenties, reportedly fell into a deep depression after the attack, which is said to have been carried out by four of Shulman's friends while Shulman was raping his girlfriend in the next room.

Girl arrested for false rape story

Jerusalem Post Staff
HAIFA. — A girl hitch-hiker who had a motorist arrested for rape was arrested herself here last night, after she confessed she had made up the whole thing because the man refused to buy her a new dress.

Market irregular, but still 'firm'

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The market was irregular yesterday — 33 stocks rose and 32 fell — but the analysts still described it as "firm." Declines were mostly negligible.

New Left anti-Zionism is Israel's own fault

By DAVID LANDAU Jerusalem Post Reporter
The American Jewish Congress' American-Israel Dialogue ended last night after a day of discussions dominated by Mr. David Jacobs, the U.S. New Left intellectual.

Market actively higher; peace talks seen as factor

NEW YORK. — The market was higher in active trading. Brokers attribute the market's three-day surge to solid evidence that the economy is improving and to hopes that progress may be made in private peace talks.

Sabotage, casualties in Gaza show steady decline

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Sabotage incidents in the Gaza Strip dropped by 74 per cent during the past year, as compared with 1970/71, according to official sources.

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# Meir with 'Writers for Bir'im': CONCERNED AT EROSION IN ZIONIST FAITH

By MARK SEGAL  
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir has expressed, in no uncertain terms, her concern at signs of weakening in national resolve among certain elements on the home front.

Speaking at length to a group of writers at her Jerusalem residence until after midnight Wednesday, Mrs. Meir reportedly said: "I am concerned at the ill wind that is blowing even among good elements among the youth. Against that not even a Phantom (fighter bomber) will provide any succour."

Mrs. Meir was reported to have expressed her deep concern at the "erosion in Zionist faith" among some of the younger writers and newspaper columnists.

**30 WRITERS**

Mrs. Meir was meeting with a group of some 20 liberal-to-leftist writers who had organized themselves into an opposition group against the Government decision not to allow Arab residents to return to Bir'im and Ikrir. With Mrs. Meir were Minister-without-Portfolio Yisrael Galili and her daughter, Sara, of Kibbutz Revivim, who helped Mrs. Meir provide refreshments during the seven-hour marathon discussion. (The Prime Minister has just recovered from a case of flu.)

The only member of the writers' group who backed up Government policy was Moshe Shamir. Observers pointed out that, while the participants did not all ascribe to the same political vantage point, what emerged was that the three initiators of this group are all known to be closely associated with Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. This is particularly the case for Haim Hefer, whose weekly column in "Yediot Aharonot" is widely regarded as a platform for Mr. Allon's views. Haim Guri has been a close friend of Mr. Allon since Palmach days. Hanoch Bartov has reportedly served as speech writer for the Deputy Premier.

**SUPER-DOVES**

Those present included David Shaham, editor of the Labour Party weekly "Oz," a current spokesman for the group of "super-doves" in the Party led by Abraham Ofer, M.K. and Lyova Eliaz, M.K. (his brother, Natan Shaham, is actively involved in Mapam). Other Israeli writers at the meeting were Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua, Amos Elon, and Yoram Kaniuk. Among the seven-hour participants was Shulamit Har-Even, wife of the head of the Foreign Ministry's In-

formation Department, and Abba Kovner.

Messrs. Hefer, Bartov and Guri, reportedly inspired by the Deputy Premier's dissenting vote at the recent Cabinet meeting, held that "a grave injustice has been done" at Bir'im and Ikrir. (Mr. Bartov expanded the discussion further by including the Rafah fencing incident, in what some of the group took as criticism of the defence establishment.) A major argument for changing Government policy was the fact that the villagers were Israeli nationals, unlike the refugees, and that their sons were loyal Israelis, having served in the Israel Defence Forces and the Border Police.

Mr. Galili, explaining the background to the Government decision, warned of the likely ramifications from such a precedent. He urged the authors to appreciate the heavy responsibility of the Government in this matter, having adopted the line after serious consideration. The Premier related that all the nine chiefs of staff had advised the Government against allowing the villagers to return.

**GOVT SUPPORTER**

Moshe Shamir, who disagreed with most of his colleagues, felt that, "as we are in a state of war, we could create conditions for a chain reaction." He agreed that the maximum must be done for these people, but said restlessness was out of the question.

The Prime Minister's Office yesterday published the following state-

ment on her meeting with the authors:

"It was a highly valuable encounter and it was a good thing that it took place... The Prime Minister made it clear at the outset of the meeting that she purposefully did not ask a stenographer to be present, so as to obviate any shade of formality to the encounter and enable it to be open and frank. All those present concurred willingly. Accordingly, it is highly regrettable that some reports in yesterday's press conveyed a highly selective picture, attributing significance to the contribution of some of the participants."

Ha'olam Hazeh (the party) is organizing a convoy of cars to Bir'im tomorrow in support of the villagers. Ha'olam Hazeh Histadrut representative Alex Massis is chief organizer of the public committee in which prominent New Leftists are taking part.

The organizers claim Greek Catholic Bishop Joseph Raya has promised to address their meeting.

Yesterday some 30 cars full of Nazareth residents (mostly Rakah supporters) left for Bir'im to express solidarity with the former residents.

Bishop Raya has written to the Prime Minister protesting the Cabinet's refusal to allow the villagers to return to their former lands. The Prime Minister's Office yesterday denied press reports that the Bishop had asked in his letter to meet with Mrs. Meir.



Yoram Kaniuk, Haim Hefer, David Shaham and Abba Kovner (left to right) lead a group of writers into a meeting with Golda Meir Wednesday on the issue of Bir'im and Ikrir. The meeting lasted seven hours.

## Maronite bishop here — won't talk politics

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — Only a few persons — among them Bishop Hanna Kaldany, vicar-general of the Latin Patriarchate in Israel — were waiting at the frontier post of Rosh Hanikra yesterday to greet the leader of the Maronite community in Israel (and in Southern Lebanon), Bishop Yousef Khoury. He arrived from Tyre yesterday afternoon.

While Bishop Khoury declined to speak with newsmen, his resident representative, Monsignor Yacoub Ra'ad, explained that he would stay here three weeks to attend to the religious affairs of the community — "unconnected with any political matters."

Observers believe the size of the party that turned up to welcome the bishop was a function of the strained relations between him and part of this flock. The bishop is known to have been displeased by the appeal to Greek Catholic Bishop Joseph Raya by some of the Maronites who are asking to be allowed to return to Ikrir and Bir'im.

After the frontier formalities the bishop's driver replaced his Lebanese number plate with an Israeli plate and the party left for Haifa.

## Anwar Khatib to Amman today

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Mr. Anwar Khatib, former governor of the East Jerusalem District, will be leaving for Amman today, at the invitation of the Jordan Government.

He is expected to confer with King Hussein, who is due to return this weekend from a week-long private visit to Teheran.

This will be Mr. Khatib's first visit to Jordan since 1967. At one time Jordan Ambassador in Cairo, Mr. Khatib was the highest ranking official in the West Bank at the time the Six Day War broke out.

Early next week, Gaza's Mayor Haj Rashad Shawwa will go to Amman at the head of a 25-member delegation.

## 2,000 U.S.S.R. Jews allowed out last month

MOSCOW. — The Soviet authorities permitted some 2,000 Jews including 500 children, to emigrate to Israel in July, informed sources here said yesterday, adding that this time there were no doctors or engineers among the emigrants.

The figure for July 1971 was 400. The sources here put the total number of Jews allowed out so far this year at 18,000, with June the peak month — 3,500 departures. They said the total would reach 30,000 by the end of the year.

July's emigrants came mainly from Kishenev, the Central Asian city of Samarkand, and the Soviet Baltic republics.



## Gur appointed attache in U.S.

The army spokesman reported yesterday that Aluf Mordechai (Motta) Gur has been appointed Israel military attache in Washington and Ottawa, as of today. He replaces Aluf Elishu Zeira, who is to go on to a senior post in the I.D.F.

## Sapir denies Gov't stopped Histadrut purchase of Lieber

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday categorically denied accusations by Histadrut chief Yitzhak Ben-Aharon that the Government had ignored requests by the Histadrut's Hevrat Ovdim company to buy the Lieber food products firm, which now forms part of the strike-bound Elite concern.

Mr. Sapir, who was speaking at a meeting of the Knesset's Finance Committee, declared that there had never been such a request, and added that anyone claiming the Government had given Elite better terms than Hevrat Ovdim would have received "making false accusations while ignoring the facts, if not worse."

Mr. Ben-Aharon had been reported by "Davar" and "Ha'aretz" as saying that Hevrat Ovdim had asked to buy the firm "in order to break the chocolate monopoly." At yesterday's meeting Mr. Sapir

showed the committee members a letter to Mr. Ben-Aharon from the head of Hevrat Ovdim's economics department, Mr. A. Shilo, in which Mr. Shilo states that the purchase idea never even reached Hevrat Ovdim's board since his department had already ruled it uneconomical.

Mr. Ezer Weisman, chairman of the Herut Executive, said last night in a radio interview that he had asked for a special session of the Knesset during the summer recess because of Mr. Ben-Aharon's "social incitement."

**QUESTIONS**

Answering members' questions, Mr. Sapir made the following points:

- The I.L.M. in Government loans made to missing theatrical impresario-Giora Gidali came from two sources — IL500,000 from the budget reserve and IL500,000 from a general appropriation for cultural and artistic institutions in the budget of the Education and Culture Ministry.
- The group of law firms working for Government companies is to be enlarged.
- There is a plan for building 25,000 apartments for medium-income young couples, in addition to the 12,000 already announced by the Housing Ministry. Two thousand will be cheaper and carry larger mortgages.
- The foreign-currency allowance for persons travelling abroad will not be raised. Prime Minister Golda Meir opposes increasing it, on social grounds.
- To attract more men to the police force, 200 apartments for policemen are being built in Tel Aviv. (Ithm)

## Arrested for planning bank heist from abroad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASEHOD. — A 21-year-old man was arrested by police at Lod yesterday, on suspicion of masterminding last month's robbery of Bank Hapo'olim here.

The man, who was abroad on July 13 when the robbery took place, is alleged to have planned and organized it from where he was. He was arrested upon his return to Israel.

Police now hold four other men, one of them a soldier, on suspicion of committing the robbery, during the course of which they shot at least 30 rounds from Uzi sub-machineguns, wounding two local residents. They got away with IL45,000.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday, the trial began of Yisrael Mizrahi, accused of taking part in the holdup of Bank Leumi in Ramat Aviv two months ago. The accused, who owns a stand in the Carmel Market, denied the charges and admitted only that some of the stolen bonds were found in his possession. He claimed someone brought them to his stand in the market.

The trial was postponed for presentation of evidence after the court vacation.

## Inland flight in forced landing at Massada

LOD AIRPORT. — An Arkia plane carrying 30 passengers had to make an emergency landing at the Massada landing strip yesterday morning, when one of its engines caught fire shortly after take-off.

The plane, a two-engine Herald, was on a regularly scheduled flight from Sde Dov, (Tel Aviv) to Eilat via Massada. The plane had taken off on the Massada-Eilat leg when the fire started. The pilot activated an automatic extinguisher shut off the remaining one. Passengers were delayed for some 90 minutes, until another Arkia aircraft came to replace the disabled one. The Eilat flight schedule was thrown off by the mishap.

Mr. Lev Biegun, Arkia's director, told "Ithm" that the intense heat during the day and inadequate lighting at night at the Massada strip will cause repairs to take at least two days. (Ithm)

## Verdict today in Eros arson trial

TEL AVIV. — The verdict is expected today in the District Court trial here of Jerusalem yeshiva students Shmuel Weissenstern and Yisrael Brant, accused of fire-bombing the local Eros sex boutique on June 21.

Yesterday the prosecution and the defence in the trial of the two 18-year-old students — who deny the charges — made their summations. Prosecutor Iamnon Ruda called for conviction of both on the arson charge and of Weissenstern on the charge of trying to run down a policeman while attempting to escape. Defence counsel lawyers Michael Caspi and Moshe Shapiro called for acquittal on all counts.

The two youths themselves, who had been expected to testify yesterday, declined to do so under oath. The trial here described the version of the events from the dock. Weissenstern said he had just gone along for the ride and had been asleep until awakened by the sound of an explosion. Brant declared that he had not taken part in the arson and had fled when he saw the flames.

The trial is being heard by Judges Elyahu Manny, Haddassa Ben-Itto and Mina Shamir. (Ithm)

# Ben-Aharon solidarity with Elite strikers

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — A Histadrut Executive Delegation headed by Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon yesterday visited the striking workers at the Elite plant to express solidarity with them on the 12th day of their walkout.

The Gahal and State List factions, however, declined to participate, saying they will send their own separate delegation. Mr. Yoram Eridor of Gahal said it was because "we suggest the solution to the dispute is in arbitration."

Mr. Eliezer Seidel, head of the Independent Liberal faction in the Histadrut, said the Elite workers' demands were "reasonable on the whole," and should be met. Speaking at a faction meeting yesterday, he accused Mapam of being "extremists, inciting the workers" and "fishing in troubled waters."

Mr. Eliezer Weisman, secretary of the Food Workers Union, took Mr. Abba Fromenko (Elite manager and co-owner) to task for his refusal to negotiate while the strike is on. He conceded that Elite paid higher wages than those stipulated in the contract. However, he said, they were doing this as a favour, while the Histadrut is demanding that it be their obligation. The sweets industry, he added, makes a 15 per cent profit on its turnover, while in the canning industry the profit is only one to two per cent. It therefore makes sense, he concluded, that conditions in the sweets industry should be better than in canning, not worse.

Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon said the sweets industry was able to reach such profits through the assistance of Israeli society. When the Histadrut wished to acquire Co-De and then the Lieber concerns, he said, Elite was able to outbid it, and thus became a monopolist in the field, with the help of the Government — (See Sapir story below).

The District Court will on Sunday hear an application by the strikers to lift the temporary injunction forbidding them from interfering with transport of goods from Elite's seven warehouses.

Mr. Mark Mosevics, president of the Manufacturers' Association, said if the application is granted, there will be a serious shortage of Elite products in the domestic market within two to three weeks.

Mr. Mosevics said this to The Post in Kiryat Shmona, where he attended the ceremony at which Mr. Gershon Rosov, president of the Gahal "Tzeri" company, was made freeman of the town. Present were Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev; Chief of Staff Aluf David Elazar, and Mr. Ehad Avriel, adviser to the Foreign Minister.

## No Histadrut decision yet on C-o-L

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, Mr. Uriel Abrahamowicz, suggested yesterday the Histadrut defer "until more data become available" its call for an interim cutoff of living allowance. He was speaking at a special session of the Histadrut executive reviewing implementation of Histadrut wage policy outlined several months ago.

Mr. Abrahamowicz said collective agreements have been signed in 85 per cent of the country's enterprises, including 90 per cent of the 220,000 workers employed in basic industry. In most trades, he said, the conditions obtained by the workers constituted an improvement of between seven and twelve per cent over what could be expected in the outline protocol signed between the manufacturers and the Histadrut at the beginning of this year. The 5.2 per cent rise in the index in May caused alarm, but the index dropped the following month; this blunting the brunt of the inflation, Mr. Abrahamowicz said, recommending caution.

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**ARRIVALS**

Mr. Uri Narkiss, head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Absorption Department, from a visit to the Far East.

Mr. Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, honorary general chairman, U.S.A., and Mrs. Meyerhoff for about three weeks.

**DEPARTURES**

Haifa Mayor Moshe Flisman, for Zurich, to vacation in Switzerland with Mrs. Flisman (by El Al).

Impresario Ya'acov Uri, for Europe, to finalize arrangements for Israeli performances of the Jubilee Singers.

## Only Shahamovoy on Olympic team

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hurdler Bether Shahamovoy will be the only track and field athlete on Israel's Olympic team, it appears, although the list of participants will be published only next week.

Athletes Aviva Balas and Yuval Vishnitzer failed to achieve the qualifying minimums at the Oslo invitational track meet yesterday. Balas ran the 800-metre race in 2:06.5 minutes, 1.5 seconds more than the minimum set by the Israel Olympic Committee, placing fourth. Vishnitzer ran the 1,500-metre race in 3:43.8, 2.2 seconds off the minimum, placing eighth. The winner, a Finn, finished in 3:42.3. Shahamovoy won the 100-m. dash with a time of 11.5 seconds, and placed second in the 100-m. hurdles, with 13.5, beaten by Australia's Pam Ryan at 13.2 seconds.

**ECUADOR MINISTER**

Ecuador's Minister of Agriculture, Col. Vicente Anda Aguirre, here for a three-day visit, was on Wednesday night guest of honour at a dinner given by Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Yigal Allon.

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